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1. IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS PROPOSED BUDAPEST 3326, EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED GOH TO SCHEDULE MEETINGS FOR ASST SECRETARY WEIL WITH MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE BIRO, DEPUTY FONMIN NAGY, AND A HIGH-RANKING OFFICER OF THE NATIONAL PLANNING OFFICE. THE HUNGARIAN REACTION IN VERY CASE WAS FAVORABLE. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT KALLOS WILL NOT BE IN HUNGARY AT THE TIME OF WEIL'S VISIT. IN HIS ABSENCE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE MAY REQUEST THE CHAMBER TO ORGANIZE A ROUND-TABLE MEETING WITH SELECTED HIGH-RANKING HUNGARIAN BUSINESSMEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN INCREASING TRADE WITH THE U.S.

2. DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER TOROK WILL RETURN TO BUDAPEST FROM VIENNA AT NOON SEP 20. HE PLANS TO MEET WITH WEIL THAT AFTERNOON OR THE NEXT MORNING. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE WILL SCHEDULE THE OTHER MEETINGS AROUND THE MEETING WITH TOROK. IT REQUESTS, HOWEVER, DEFINITE ETA AND ETD SO THAT IT MAY MAKE FIRM SCHEDULE.

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3. IN DISCUSSION WITH DCM AUG 24, ANTALPETER, FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY, REQUESTED THAT WEIL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF A JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION. ANTALPETER SAID THAT IT IS NOT YET THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF THE GOH, BUT HE HAS RECOMMENDED THAT A COMMISSION BE ESTABLISHED AT THE WEIL-TOROK LEVEL. HE EXPLAINED THAT OTHER MINISTRIES, ESPECIALLY AGRICULTURE,

ARE PRESSING THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE FOR ACTION ON THIS POINT. THUS, THE GOH IS MOST ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS IT WITH WEIL DURING THE SEPTEMBER VISIT. DCM SUGGESTED THAT GOH BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE NAMING OF AN ORGANIZATION IN EACH GOVERNMENT TO HANDLE BUSINESS FACILITATION QUESTIONS, AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE TRADE AGREEMENT. ANTALPETER SAID THE GOH WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION, ALTHOUGH ON THE HUNGARIAN SIDE IT IS CERTAIN THAT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE WILL BE THE ORGANIZATION SO EARMARKED.

4. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A DINNER IN HONOR OF ASST. SECRETARY WEIL THE EVENING OF SEP 20. WE DEFER TO THE MINISTRY ON THIS POINT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE FORWARD ITINERARY AND ANY PROGRAMING DESIRES OF ASST. SECRETARY WEIL, AND NAMES OF PERSONS IN PARTY.
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